

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**April 25, 2023**

**The Verona Board of Education of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, convened in regular session on April 25, 2023 at 7:05 p.m.**

**The meeting was called to order by Jorge Cruz, Board Secretary.**

**A statement was made that the meeting had been properly advertised in the designated newspapers and the agendas were posted at the appropriate locations.**

**The following members of the Board were present: Mrs. Pamela Priscoe, President, Mrs. Diana Ferrera, Vice President, Mrs. Lisa Freschi, Denise Verzella and Mr. Christopher Wacha. Also present was Mrs. Diane DiGiuseppe, Superintendent and Mr. Jorge Cruz, School Business Administrator.**

**There were 21 members of the public present. There were 0 members of the press present.**



CONFIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION –6:00 pm  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 pm  
VERONA HIGH SCHOOL LEARNING COMMONS  
April 25, 2023

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Reading of Meeting Notice
4. Roll Call Attendance
5. Presentation - Laura Palmerezzi - Athletic Director - Winter sports wrap-up  
Jorge Cruz - Public Hearing of the Public Schools Budget 2023-2024
6. Superintendent Report - Diane DiGiuseppe
7. Student Representative Report - Reese Sahadow
8. Committee Reports -
  - Education
  - Facilities
  - Finance
9. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items
10. Discussion Items
11. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions
12. Public Comments

Live streaming link: <https://youtube.com/live/onAvQCPIqns?feature=share>

The next scheduled Public Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023** beginning with a Confidential Session at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm Public Session in the Verona High School Learning Commons.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Reading of Meeting Notice**

This meeting is being conducted in compliance with the open meeting session that the Verona Board of Education passed a resolution at its annual reorganization meeting held on January 3, 2023. The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provision of the act, the Verona Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published in the *Star Ledger*, posted with the Township of Verona and the Verona Education Association. Postings of this meeting setting forth the time, location, and agenda were posted at the Verona Board of Education Office and on the Verona Public Schools district website. Copies of tonight's agenda and resolutions have been made available to the public via the Board of Education Website.

**4. Roll Call Attendance**

Mr. Wacha      X                    Mrs. Verzella      X    
Mrs. Ferrera      X                    Mrs. Priscoe      X    
Mrs. Freschi      X  

- 5. Presentation -** Laura Palmerezzi - Athletic Director - Winter Sports wrap-up  
Jorge Cruz - Public Hearing of the Public Schools Budget 2023-2024
- 6. Superintendent Report -** Diane DiGiuseppe

**NJCCSF Chinese Cultural Project Contest**

Angelina O'Dell and Lucia Grant (VHS 10th grade in Mandarin III, ) participated in the state-wide 15th NJCCSF Chinese Cultural Project Contest at Seton Hall University on April 22.

The contest is a research-type, team project based on history and facts and can be presented in any format. Importance is placed on the students' own evidence-based conclusions. Evidence collected through primary research is preferred. The students' project research began in January and culminated with a presentation at SHU in front of a panel of judges and they won 2nd place!

Mrs. Hou says that Angelina and Lucia are very enthusiastic about Chinese culture and language. Their very informative project was well received by the audience. The whole process demonstrated their good study habits, self discipline, and

willingness to try new things. I am very proud of their achievement and would like to share the joy with us.

### **Behavioral Threat Assessment Training**

Laura Palmerezzi and I attended a Behavioral Threat Assessment workshop as a requirement of recent legislation passed by Governor Murphy on Thursday, April 20. On a timely note, the training stressed the use of climate surveys for students, faculty, and staff as a part of determining school climate so improvements can be made, as a positive school climate is directly linked to a reduction in school violence.

N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.4, requires establishing threat assessment teams in public, charter, and renaissance school projects. **(This is required to be operational as of September 2023)**

- The purpose of a threat assessment team is to provide school teachers, administrators, and other staff with assistance in identifying students with behaviors of concern, assessing those students' risk for engaging in violence or other harmful activities, and delivering intervention strategies to manage the risk of harm for students who pose a potential safety risk.
- Threat assessment teams also aim to prevent targeted violence in the school and to ensure a safe and secure school environment that enhances the learning experience for all school community members.
- Accordingly, the board of education of each school district and the board of trustees of each charter school or renaissance school project must develop and adopt a policy to establish a multi-disciplinary threat assessment team at each school.

Mr. Cogdill, Mr. Merkler and Mr. Lancaster also attended the workshop.

Mrs. Palmerezzi attended the **Comprehensive Active Shooter Incident Management for Schools (CASIM-S) workshop** scheduled for Tuesday, 4/25. This is presented by the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Disaster and Terrorism Branch (DTB), the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The CASIM model is designed to help organizations understand the dynamics of a violent event, plan for the full cycle of the event, and detect and deter would-be perpetrators by preparing those at risk with the necessary information and skills.

**School security officers (Class III or other)** - This would cost in the neighborhood of \$300K to place a Class III officer or security guard in each of all six schools. Mr. Cruz

reached out to County Business Administrator John Ferrara to inquire about how a second question may address this cost if the Board is interested in pursuing this avenue.

The overview:

- We would have to submit an amended budget for 2023-24 by May 9, 2023
- We would have to submit a 2nd question by May 9 for the November election, so this year will not be feasible.
  
- If a 2nd question is voted down, we cannot use district budget funds to hire security personnel, and we could only hire this type of personnel if another second question was posed to the community and is passed (6A:23A-12.1).
  
- The Board should continue to have these conversations about the pros and cons of Class III officer/security guard program before making this decision.

### **Climate Survey**

We postponed the student survey by one week to allow the staff more time to get to know the platform so the survey administration can go smoothly and expediently. Directions for teacher dissemination of the student surveys went out today. High school students will start tomorrow morning, the rest of the

Staff portal and parent portals have been opened and are actively taking responses.

### **Demographic Report**

Dr. Grip from Statistical Forecasting said the report is about 50% completed. Part of the issue is that they were waiting to hear back from the Township regarding the new housing units planned. Dr. Grip was just informed that the reason he did not hear back is that the Planning Board Secretary position is vacant, so he resorted to contacting the Township Manager's office. Mr. D'Arco gave him a new contact (Steve Neal), so he has been copying me on all of his emails to expedite what he needs. That said, once he gets this information, we should be able to get the report in the first or second week of May.

Discussion about the use of considering the hire of Class 3 Safety Officers in our schools:

- Mrs. DiGiuseppe stated that if the board would like to consider the hiring of Class 3 Safety Officers in our schools, this will require a 2nd Question on the November election to be added to our budget effective January 2024.

- Mrs. Priscoe stated that she would support the request to add officers in our schools.
- Mr. Wacha also is in support for safety officers as he has experience in his current school district.
- Mrs. Verzella stated that she does not support this and quoted reports that show the negative impact of students of color and students with disabilities.
- Ms. Sahadow stated that she is hesitant to see armed officers in our schools, but will defer to our education experts.

#### **7. Student Representative Report - Reese Sahadow**

- A. Reese Sahadow began putting out notice for the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting, including submitting an announcement script and posting on social media.
- B. Verona High School Students will be taking the NJ Student Climate Initiative survey tomorrow morning, April 26.
- C. AP testing begins on May 1st and will continue for the following two weeks.
- D. Ninth and eleventh grade students will begin NJSLA testing on May 15th and continue through May 19th.
- E. The Jazz Band will perform on April 27 at 7:30 PM.
- F. Girls Learn International will be hosting its basketball game this Friday. Proceeds from the event will be donated to charity.
- G. The Spotlight Players will run their annual "One Acts" festival on Friday, May 5th at 7 PM. Six student-directed, and in some cases, written, plays will be performed.

#### **8. Committee Reports**

- Education - Mrs. Verzella provided details of the meeting. Gave an update on Pre-K to Kindergarten transition. ESY letters were sent to families. Life Skills program is in development. Effective School Solutions is being transitioned to Care Plus. AP exams are underway; good luck to all students! New NJ standards are underway. Atlas Curriculum Mapping program is being implemented. DEI committee is meeting and the recruitment of new staff underway.
- Facilities - Mr. Wacha provided an update on the railing repairs at Forest Ave School along with the driveway asphalt repairs. Egress plans update for all classrooms district wide. Time clocks will be installed for custodial staff. Time study will be conducted to evaluate the staff need and assigned cleaning coverage per custodian. New equipment is in the works as well to increase cleaning and efficiency.

- Finance - Mrs. Ferrera provided an update about our health benefits and increase based on the presentation provided by our broker at Brown & Brown. Non-resident tuition will be increased by 10% for 2023-24. Staff members with an enrolled student will continue at the grandfather rate with no increase.

**9. Public Comments on Agenda Action Items**

**10. Discussion Items**

Mrs. Priscoe highlighted the new banners and signs going up Sampson Dr. Thank you to the VHS admin team for this update.

Mr. Wacha asked about the firearm safety resolution and recommended changes based on the Superintendent and Board responsibility. Mrs. DiGiuseppe agreed that the legal obligation is not on the district and it will be edited.

**11. Roll Call Vote on Resolutions**

**12. Public Comments**

Please note that the public participation portion of the meeting affords an opportunity for the public to share thoughts and comments about school related topics. By law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to comments during the meeting, all input that is shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and helps inform future deliberations and work by the Board and its committees. Answers appear in many forms including, but not limited to: email, Superintendent/ Committee reports, Board statements, FAQs on website, or after public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your input.

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**April 25, 2023**

**I. ROUTINE MATTERS**

The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent to the Board of Education.

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board, upon on the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of the following meetings:

Confidential & Regular Public Meeting March 28 , 2023

**Motion by:**  Mrs. Ferrera

**Seconded by:**  Mrs. Verzella

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1**

Mr. Wacha  X  Mrs. Verzella  X

Mrs. Ferrera  X  Mrs. Priscoe  X

Mrs. Freschi  X

**III. PERSONNEL**

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

**1.1 New Hires** -pending successful completion of pre-employment paperwork.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>
<b>Lia Romano</b>	LAN	Paraprofessional	\$17.25/hr.	Education	May 8 - Jun 30, 2023
<b>Cheryl Sluberski</b>	District	Sub Secretary	\$110/per day	Education	SY 23-24
<b>Jordan Luehs</b>	District	Sub Teacher	\$110/per day	Education	SY 22-23

**1.2 Retirement**

Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date of Retirement
<b>Cheryl Sluberski</b>	Admin. Asst. to Superintendent and School Business Administrator	Board Office	Retirement	Jul. 1, 2023

**1.3 Without Pay**

Name	Date/s	No. of Days/Reason	Notes
<b>#105532</b>	Apr. 17, 2023	1 Day/Unpaid	
<b>#105348</b>	Apr. 17, 2023	1 Day/Unpaid	
<b>#105597</b>	Apr. 17, 18, 2023	2 Days/Unpaid	
<b>#105691</b>	Apr. 18, 20 2023	1.5 Days/Unpaid	
<b>#105701</b>	Apr. 17, 18, 2023	2 Days/Unpaid	
<b>#105604</b>	Mar. 29, 30, 2023	2 Days/Unpaid	RESCIND
<b>#105604</b>	Mar. 29, 2023	1 Day/Unpaid	APPROVE
<b>#102166</b>	Apr. 21, 2023	1 Day/Unpaid	

**1.4 Reallocation of Days**

Employee #	Explanation
<b>#105179</b>	5 Sick Days to 5 Paternity Days

**1.5 Extra Pay**

Name	Date	Position	Pay rate	Reason
<b>Bryan Goldsman</b>	Apr. 22, 2023	ACT Proctor	\$362.59/per diem	RESCIND
<b>Derek Felano</b>	Apr. 22, 2023	ACT Proctor	\$316.98/per diem	
<b>Dina Rizzuto-Francis</b>	Not to exceed 15 hrs.	\$67.15/per hr.	Sr. Student Activities	

**1.6 Leave of Absence**

Name	Reason	Begin Date	Estimated Return Date on or about
<b>#105061</b>	Medical Leave of Absence	May 5, 2023	Jun. 16, 2023

Motion by:       Mrs. Verzella        
Seconded by:       Mrs. Priscoe      

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 1.6**

Mr. Wacha       X             Mrs. Verzella     X    
Mrs. Ferrera     X             Mrs. Priscoe     X    
Mrs. Freschi     X  

**IV.    EDUCATION**

#1    **RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached District Statistical Report for the month of March 2023.

**1.1    V-SEA**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>
<b>Larry Siegel</b>	V-SEA Middle School STEM teacher	\$2,910	Education	June 27 - July 26, 2023

Motion by:       Mrs. Ferrera        
Seconded by:       Mrs. Verzella      

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 1.1**

Mr. Wacha       X             Mrs. Verzella     X    
Mrs. Ferrera     X             Mrs. Priscoe     X    
Mrs. Freschi     X

**V. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

#1 **RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

**1.1 Student Home Instruction**

Student #	School	Grade	Hrs./Week/Duration	Beginning on or about
#292196	HBW	6	8-15 hrs. wk./30-90 days	Apr. 12, 2023

Motion by: Mrs. Wacha  
 Seconded by: Mrs. Verzella

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 1.1**

Mr. Wacha   X        Mrs. Verzella   X    
 Mrs. Ferrera   X        Mrs. Priscoe   X    
 Mrs. Freschi   X  

**VI. ATHLETICS/CO-CURRICULAR**

#1 **RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

**1.1 Field Trip**

Name	School	Club/Destination	Date of Field Trip
Megan Pellegrino	FNB	Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty/ NY/NJ	June 8, 2023
Valerie Useche	VHS	Spanish/Digital Photography/ Hudson Yards, NY	Jun. 13, 2023
Ramos/Sciacchitano	VHS	Botanical Gardens, Bronx, NY	Jun. 5, 2023

**1.2 Chaperones**

Name	Position	School
Charline Charles	Paraprofessional	HBW Field Trips
Kate Volz	Paraprofessional	HBW Field Trips

Nehemie Bonhomme	Paraprofessional	HBW Field Trips
Debra Hudson	Paraprofessional	HBW Field Trips
Allison Cuevas	Paraprofessional	HBW Field Trips

**Motion by:**  Mrs. Ferrera

**Seconded by:**  Mrs. Verzella

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1 - 1.2**

Mr. Wacha  X  Mrs. Verzella  X

Mrs. Ferrera  X  Mrs. Priscoe  X

Mrs. Freschi  X

**VII. FINANCE**

**#1 RESOLVED** that the Board adopt the Verona Board of Education Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year:

	<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>2023-2024 Total Expenditures</b>	\$42,168,627	\$1,282,927	\$4,925,350	\$48,376,904
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 4,523,199</u>	<u>\$1,282,927</u>	<u>\$ 1,108,428</u>	<u>\$ 6,914,554</u>
<b>Taxes to be Raised</b>	<u>\$37,645,428</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,816,922</u>	<u>\$41,462,350</u>

1. Approve the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, on 3/14/23 the Verona Board of Education adopted a tentative budget to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on 3/29/23; and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the Star Ledger on 4/21/23; and

**WHEREAS**, the tentative budget was presented to the public during a public hearing in the Verona High School Learning Commons, 151 Fairview Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044, on 4/25/23; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the budget for General Fund Expenses shall be \$42,168,627 of which \$37,645,428 shall be raised by tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the budget for Special Revenue Fund Expense shall be \$1,282,927 of which \$0.00 shall be raised by tax levy; and

**WHEREAS**, the total amount of the budget for Debt Service Expense shall be \$4,925,350 of which \$3,816,922 shall be raised by tax levy.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Verona Board of Education hereby adopts the 2023-2024 School Year budget; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that there should be raised for the General Fund \$37,645,428 for the ensuing School Year (2023-2024) and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that there should be raised for Debt Service Fund, \$3,816,922 for the ensuing School Year (2023-2024).

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Verona Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves to deposit a combined total not to exceed \$1,000,000 into Capital Reserve and/or Maintenance Reserve and/or Emergency Reserve, if determined to be prudent given the need for long term financial planning and budgeting, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41/N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14-3. The actual amounts to be deposited will be determined as part of the actual FY23 audit.

2. Approve Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2023-2024

**WHEREAS**, the Verona Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by

the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7, to a maximum expenditure of \$50,000, for all staff and Board members; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

- #2 **RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the enclosed checklist(s) in the following amounts based on the recommendation of the Superintendent:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Register Date</u>
\$27,100	Referendum	April 25, 2023
\$1,809,157.31	General	April 25, 2023
\$7,848.77	HBW	April 25, 2023

- #3 **RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached 2023-2024 non-resident tuition rates.

- #4 **RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept a donation of the titles *Bilal Cooks Daal* (9 copies), *Cora Cooks Pancit* (9 copies), *Yoko* (7 copies), and *Dumpling Soup* (7 copies) and several gift cards from local restaurants from AAPI Montclair in support of the Love Your Lunch initiative at an estimated value of \$600.

**Motion by:** Mr. Wacha  
**Seconded by:** Mrs. Ferrera

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1-4**

Mr. Wacha       X             Mrs. Verzella     X    
Mrs. Ferrera     X             Mrs. Priscoe     X    
Mrs. Freschi     X  

**VIII. FACILITIES**

**#1    RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve L.R. Watts & Son Roofing and Construction, Inc. roof, wall, and gutter repair proposals for the following school sites:

- F.N. Brown School, in the amount of \$18,900
- Laning Avenue School, in the amount of \$14,400
- H.B. Whitehorne Middle School, in the amount of \$6,500

**#2    RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve B&G Solutions LLC, to conduct a district wide custodial staffing time study and provide a final report with the optimal custodial cleaning assignment per building, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

**Motion by:**       Mrs. Verzella  

**Seconded by:**   Mrs. Ferrera  

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1-2**

Mr. Wacha       X             Mrs. Verzella     X    
Mrs. Ferrera     X             Mrs. Priscoe     X    
Mrs. Freschi     X  

**IX. GOVERNANCE & POLICY**

**#1    RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to accept the HIB report for March 28, 2023 to April 25, 2023.

**Motion by:**       Mrs. Verzella  

**Seconded by:**   Mrs. Ferrera

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Resolutions #1**

Mr. Wacha       X             Mrs. Verzella     X    
Mrs. Ferrera     X             Mrs. Priscoe     X    
Mrs. Freschi     X  

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Please note that the public participation portion of the meeting affords an opportunity for the public to share thoughts and comments about school related topics. By law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to comments during the meeting, all input that is shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and helps inform future deliberations and work by the Board and its committees. Answers appear in many forms including, but not limited to: email, Superintendent/ Committee reports, Board statements, FAQs on website, or after public comment is closed. We appreciate and thank all members of the public for your input.

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION IF NECESSARY**

**RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN**

#1       **RESOLVED** that the Board meet in private session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the topics of negotiations and personnel or potential litigation which private discussion is being held pursuant to Section 7b and 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act. The matters under discussion will be disclosed to the public as soon as final decisions are made and voted upon.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:**

**Motion by:**   Mrs. Verzella  

**Second by:**   Mrs. Ferrera  

**All in Favor:**   AYE

All Opposed: None

This meeting is adjourned at (TIME) 8:59 P.M.

**VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ADDENDUM RESOLUTION**  
**April 25, 2023**

The following resolutions have been recommended by the Superintendent to the Board of Education.

**I. PERSONNEL**

#1 **RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following:

**1.1 Extra Class**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Term of Employment on or about</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Andrew Herschman</b>	VHS	Co-Advisor Capstone	\$709.91	SY 22-23	1/4 of a 6th period stipend
<b>Robert Orr</b>	VHS	Co-Advisor Capstone	\$677.31	SY 22-23	1/4 of a 6th period stipend

Motion by: Mr. Wacha

Seconded by: Mrs. Verzella

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Addenda Resolution #1- 1.1**

Mr. Wacha   X                        Mrs. Verzella   X  

Mrs. Ferrera   X                        Mrs. Priscoe   X  

Mrs. Freschi   X

**II. FINANCE**

**#1 RESOLVED** Whereas, The Board of Education of Verona Public School District in the County of Essex, New Jersey, desires to proceed with a school facilities project generally consisting of:

**HVAC Upgrades at Brookdale Avenue School**

**SP#:5370-070-13-5370**

**HVAC Upgrades at F.N. Brown Elementary School**

**SP#5370-080-13-5370**

**HVAC Upgrades at Forest Avenue School**

**SP#5370-090-13-5370**

**HVAC Upgrades at Laning Avenue School**

**SP#5370-100-13-5370**

**HVAC Upgrades at Verona High School**

**SP#5370-050-13-5370**

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. This project is "Other Capital" and the BOE will be seeking state ROD grant

funding. Including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Motion by:**     Mrs. Ferrera    

**Seconded by:**     Mrs. Verzella    

**Be it RESOLVED the approval of Finance Resolutions #1**

Mr. Wacha     X          Mrs. Verzella     X    

Mrs. Ferrera     X          Mrs. Priscoe     X    

Mrs. Freschi     X